

VISA INTERVIEW APPOINTMENTS AT THE U.S EMBASSY IN APIA JULY 30 – AUGUST 17, 2012

The United States Embassy in Apia will hold <u>Visa Interviews for three weeks from July</u> <u>30 – August 17, 2012.</u>

• The online calendar for scheduling appointments will open <u>Tuesday July 17th from 2:00pm Apia time until all available slots have been filled.</u> Please do not call or email the Embassy for an appointment, any slots that become available via cancellation will be released automatically into the online calendar.

All interested applicants must secure an online appointment. Those who have successfully secured an appointment MUST submit the following to the Embassy no later than <u>Wednesday 25 July by 12pm</u>:

- i) DS-160 confirmation page that is printed with a barcode sign
- ii) a passport photo
- iii) a clear COPY of their passport data page

Please note that if the Embassy does not receive all three documents listed above by the cut-off date your appointment may be cancelled without further notice.

All applicants wishing to secure an appointment should complete their DS-160 prior to booking an appointment. Students wishing to apply for student visas must also book appointments online and contact their appropriate school to make sure they receive the original I-20 form in time to have it with them during their interview. Those students who are unable to secure an appointment online will have to wait until the next interviews to secure an appointment. Because of the limited appointment slots, applicants must cancel their appointment or contact the Embassy should they be unable to keep their appointment. This way, the slots can be released to other applicants who wish to secure an appointment. Your failure to show up for your appointment without Embassy notification will be noted and may result in your name being removed from future appointment listings.

All visas approved during visa week will be processed by the U.S. Consulate General in Auckland, New Zealand. Applicants must allow 2 – 3 weeks after their interview for visa processing. Applicants who cannot allow for the 2 – 3 weeks processing time are encouraged to make arrangements for applying for a visa in New Zealand.

• To Access the form and to book an appointment please visit our website http://samoa.usembassy.gov Click on Visas to the U.S. followed by Non Immigrant Visas followed by "How to Apply" or use http://samoa.usembassy.gov/how to apply.html which will take you directly to the "How to Apply" page.

For frequently asked questions regarding the DS-160 form please click on http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms